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SUBJECT: HUNGARIANS MARK SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: THE HUNGARIAN PARTY MARKED THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES BY RESTATING THE HUNGARIAN POSITION ON INTERPARTY RELATIONS, EMBRACING INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIANISM, AND REJECTING ANTI-SOVIETISM. END SUMMARY.

1. IN A LEADING ARTICLE IN THE PARTY NEWSPAPER OF JUNE 29, THE HUNGARIAN PARTY MARKED THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN BERLIN IN JUNE, 1976.

A. RESTATEMENT OF POLICY: "NO ONE QUESTIONS THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNIST PARTIES TO APPRAISE THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES' SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AND NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND TO DEFINE SUCCESSIVE TASKS AND THE METHODS OF THE STRUGGLE ON THE PATH TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND THE BUILDING OF A SOCIALIST SOCIETY."

B. INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIANISM: THE PARTY EMBRACED (WHILE DEFINING) INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIANISM: "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM EMCOMPASSES A COORDINA-

TION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS, MUTUALLY SUPPORTING EACH OTHER, COMRADELY COOPERATION, DEVELOPING A JOINT POSITION AND CONCERTED ACTION ON MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES ON THE BASIS OF THE FRATERNAL PARTIES' INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY AND VOLUNTARY COOPERATION, MUTUAL INTEREST IN EACH OTHER'S SUCCESSES AND STUDYING THE MOVEMENT'S COMMON EXPERIENCES AND ENRICHING THEM WITH ONE'S OWN MILITANT EXPERIENCES."

C. ANTI-SOVIETISM: "IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT THE FRATERNAL COUNTRIES ACT IN THE SPIRIT UNDERSCORED ALSO BY THE BERLIN DOCUMENT WHERE IT CALLS FOR A RESOLUTE DISAVOWAL OF ANTICOMMUNIST CAMPAIGNS AIMED AT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE REST OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

2. THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP, AS WELL AS WESTERNERS WHO ATTEMPT "TO MAGNIFY NATURAL DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS ARISING FROM THE DIFFERENT CONDITIONS OF PARTIES" IN AN ATTEMPT "TO FORCE ARTIFICIAL DEBATES ON THEM," AND "TO PIT THEM AGAINST EACH OTHER AND THEIR SISTER PARTIES," ALSO ARE CRITICIZED.

4. COMMENT: FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS HUNGARIAN LEADERSHIP HAS USED THE TWIN UMBRELLAS OF THE CSCE AND THE BERLIN CONFERENCE TO LEGITIMIZE ITS FOREIGN POLICY ENDEAVORS. THIS THEME CAN BE SEEN IN THE TITLE OF THE ARTICLE CITED ABOVE, "IT IS VALID, NOW AS BEFORE."
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